



AP-NORC poll finds skepticism of nationwide election tallies, especially among Republicans

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's deep partisan divisions extend to trust in the vote tallies for this year's election, as a new poll finds that Republicans are much more skeptical than Democrats that ballots will be counted accurately.

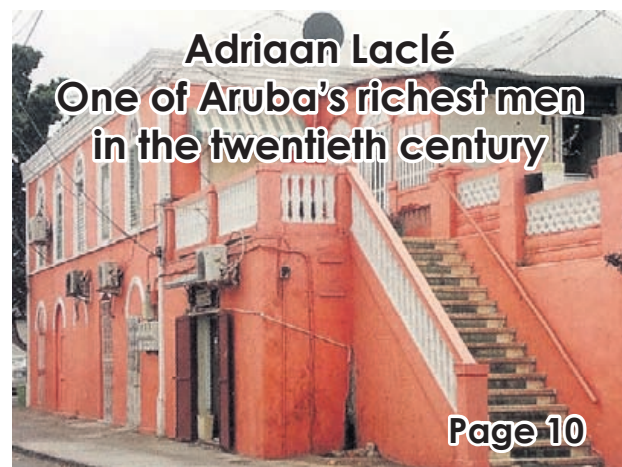
Voters generally show more distrust toward nationwide voting results compared to the tallies done by their own local election offices, according to the survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

About half of Republican registered voters have "a great deal" or "quite a bit" of trust that the vote will be accurately counted by their local election officials and around 4 in 10 say the same about the vote count in their state, but only around one-quarter have at least "quite a bit" of trust in the nationwide count.



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Republicans voters' overall level of trust in all three, however, is lower than it is among Democratic voters. Roughly three-quarters of Democrats say they have at least "quite a bit" of confidence that votes will be counted accurately nationwide, in their state or by their local election officials. This year's election marks the first presidential race since former President Donald Trump began a campaign of lies about a stolen 2020 election — a narrative that has undermined public confidence in election results among a wide swath of conservative voters, despite no evidence of widespread fraud.

Election experts have warned that Trump may be laying the groundwork to once again challenge the election if he loses.

David Farrington, a 78-year-old conservative in Fort Worth, Texas, said he distrusts mail-in ballots and ballot drop boxes, both common targets for claims of voter fraud and election conspiracies attempting to sow distrust in election results.

"It's not the vote count that I'm worried about," Farrington said. "I have every faith in all the precincts and their ability to count the ballots that are there. But the ballots — we don't know if they're legitimate or not."

Conversely, Ruth Edwards, a 28-year-old kindergarten teacher in Tampa, Florida, said she has "never seen evidence that elections are rigged."

"It's just people who are upset about their candidate losing who are now claiming it's rigged with no evidence," said Edwards, a Democrat. "It's ridiculous."

Voters overall are more likely to believe that votes in the 2024 presidential election will be counted accurately by their local election officials or in their state than nationwide, according to the poll. About 6 in 10 voters have "a great



A person votes on the first day of early voting in the general election, Oct. 21, 2024, in Miami.

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deal" or "quite a bit" of confidence that votes in the 2024 presidential election will be counted accurately by their local election officials or in their state, while about half say this about votes counted nationwide. About one-quarter in each case have "a moderate amount" of confidence. About 3 in 10 say they have "only a little" or no confidence in the nationwide count, while fewer say that about the tally in their state or by local officials.

Drew Inman, a 31-year-old Republican working in law enforcement in New Jersey, said he is skeptical that votes will be counted accurately at all levels, but especially in counties outside his own.

"I definitely trust my vote to be counted at a local level more than I trust the national vote count," he said. "... When you go national, there's a lot more people involved and that can create corruption."

While ballots can include races for federal offices such as president or Congress, the U.S. does not run national elections as other countries do. All elections are run by the states and administered by local election offices in thousands of townships, cities and coun-

ties. Election officials have recognized that many skeptical voters tend to point to other jurisdictions with false claims of fraud. Some groups have tried to counter this perception by emphasizing that elections in every state are run at the local level.

"What is difficult is when we have national elections, oftentimes people will maybe throw election professionals under the bus from another state, and that is not helpful," said Tammy Patrick, a former election official now with the National Association of Election Officials.

Older voters have more faith in the vote count at all levels than younger voters, including the count conducted by local election officials. About half of 18- to 29-year-old voters have at least "quite a bit" of confidence that votes will be counted accurately in their state or by their local election officials, compared to around 7 in 10 voters ages 60 and older.

The gap is smaller for the nationwide vote count, though: About 4 in 10 18- to 29-year-old voters have at least "quite a bit" of confidence, compared to about half of voters ages 60 and older.

Bill Sanchez, a 29-year-old

criminal defense attorney in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, said older voters have been watching and participating in the election process for longer, giving them more time to build trust.

"Younger voters have less experience voting and have spent a lot of their lives surrounded by this kind of misinformation that we're seeing more and more of," Sanchez said. "... It just sets the base for younger voters to be more distrustful."

About 6 in 10 Republicans say people voting who are not eligible is a major problem in U.S. elections, compared to 2 in 10 Democrats. Democrats and Republicans differ most sharply over whether mail ballots that are returned via the U.S. Postal Service or a drop box will be counted accurately. About 6 in 10 Democrats are "extremely" or "very confident" that mail ballots that are returned by these methods will be counted accurately, compared to around 1 in 10 Republicans.

Democrats, meanwhile, are much more concerned about voter suppression than Republicans. About half of Democrats say voter suppression is a major problem, compared to about one-third of Republicans

And about 4 in 10 voters are concerned about other countries tampering with U.S. voting systems or election results, which is down slightly from when the question was last asked in February 2020. This is something that independent voters are at least slightly more likely to be worried about than Democrats or Republicans.

Sanchez, the attorney from Pennsylvania, said he is more concerned about voter suppression than widespread fraud or ballots being miscounted and called for the expansion of early voting and mail ballots to "make voting as accessible as possible." He also worries about the potential that false claims of voter fraud could incite violence and unrest, and said he hopes election officials' attempts to inform voters ahead of the election will help.

"There's a lot of misinformation and disinformation about election security from bad faith actors who are trying to build distrust and take advantage of the fact that people don't always understand everything about the process," Sanchez said. "And when we don't understand things, we end up fearing it." □

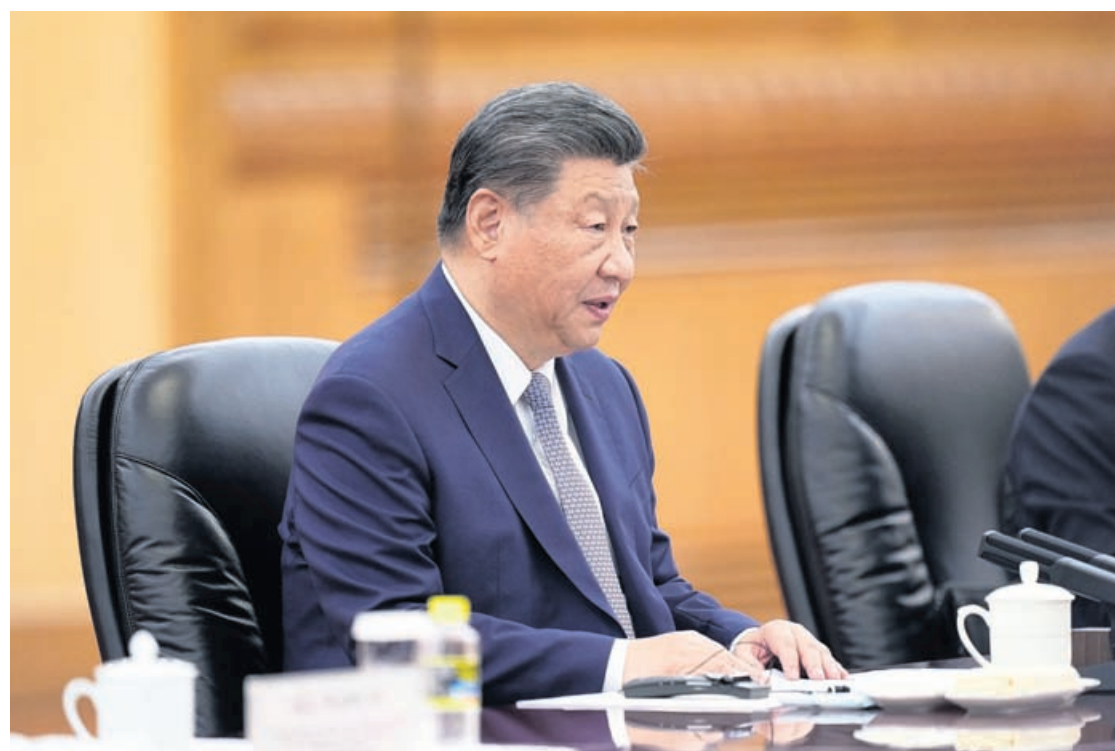
U.S. calls on a silent China to use its sway over Russia and North Korea

By DIDI TANG and MATTHEW LEE Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. and South Korea have called on China to use its influence over Russia and North Korea to prevent escalation after Pyongyang sent thousands of troops to Russia to aid Moscow's war against Ukraine. Beijing has so far stayed quiet. In a rare meeting earlier this week, three top U.S. diplomats met with China's ambassador to the United States to emphasize U.S. concerns and urge China to use its sway with North Korea to try to curtail the cooperation, according to a State Department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Thursday that the sides had "a robust conversation just this week" and that China knows U.S. expectations are that "they'll use the influence that they have to work to curb these activities." "But I think this is a demand signal that's coming not just from us, but from countries around the world," he said at a news conference in Washington with Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and their South Korean counterparts.

Liu Pengyu, spokesman for the Chinese Embassy in Washington, said in a statement that China's position



Chinese President Xi Jinping speaks during a meeting with Finnish President Alexander Stubb at the Great Hall of the People on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024 in Beijing, China.

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on the Ukraine crisis is "consistent and clear."

China strives "for peace talks and political settlement of the Ukraine crisis. This position remains unchanged. China will continue to play a constructive role to this end," Liu said.

The U.S. says 8,000 North Korean soldiers are in Russia near Ukraine's border and are preparing to help the Kremlin fight against Ukrainian troops in the coming days. China has yet to publicly comment on the move.

Beijing has forged a "no

limits" partnership with Moscow, and while it has also been a major ally for Pyongyang, experts say Beijing might not approve of the closer military partnership between Russia and North Korea because it sees it as destabilizing in the region.

The Russia-North Korea partnership runs contrary to Beijing's goal for a peaceful Korean Peninsula, said Shi Yinhong, an international relations expert at China's Renmin University. Beijing is "aware of the complexity and danger

of the situation," Shi said, noting that the "fact that China hasn't said anything yet on the military alliance agreement between North Korea and Russia indicates that China strongly disagrees with it."

Dennis Wilder, senior fellow for the Initiative for U.S.-China Dialogue on global issues at Georgetown University, called Beijing's "radio silence" on North Korea's move "staggering." He said Beijing must find a balance between supporting Moscow and not angering the West, and that Chinese

President Xi Jinping might "for his own sake ignore the whole thing."

Xi has built a personal relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin, and "he cannot see Putin fail," Wilder said this week at a panel discussion hosted by the Washington-based think tank Center for Strategic and International Studies.

At the same time, Xi cannot anger the Europeans and Americans when his country's economy is struggling, Wilder said. "So he's not going to say anything publicly about this," Wilder said. Victor Cha, Korean chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said at the same panel discussion that for China, "there's probably a combination of a little bit of exasperation, a little bit of panic and a little bit of they don't know what to do with regard to the current situation."

It's unclear if Beijing was informed of Pyongyang's move in advance, Cha said. Beijing also could fret over Russia gaining more influence than China over North Korea, Cha said.

Austin said Thursday that China "should be asking Russia some hard questions at this point and whether it intends to broaden this conflict by this kind of behavior." □

Army looking into shoving allegations involving the general who heads US Central Command

By LOLITA C. BALDOR Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army's Criminal Investigation Division is looking into allegations that the four-star general who heads U.S. Central Command shoved a member of his air crew during a trip overseas, according to U.S. officials.

Officials said Army Gen. Erik Kurilla became upset during a flight and pushed the service member. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the assault allegations, which recently came to light.

Kurilla is still in his job and is currently in the Middle East.

The Army Criminal Investigation Division said in a statement Friday that it is "aware of an alleged incident and is currently looking into it. No additional information is available at this time."

The division routinely conducts preliminary inquiries when allegations of misconduct are made to determine if a full investigation is warranted.

Kurilla has been traveling extensively in the Middle East, including numerous trips to Israel and other allies in the region as Israel's war with Hamas and subsequent battles against Hezbollah in Lebanon have raged on.

The inquiry was first reported by NBC. □



In this image provided by the Department of Defense, U.S. Army Gen. Michael E. Kurilla, commander of U.S. Central Command, testifies before the House Armed Services Committee, March 21, 2024, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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Maryland is the first state to sign into new federal health care program

By BRIAN WITTE
Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Maryland became the first state on Friday to join a federal program designed to improve health care quality and equity while lowering costs for all health care payers, including Medicare, Medicaid and private insurers.

It builds on Maryland's Total Cost of Care Model, which sets a per capita limit on Medicare's total cost of care in Maryland and encompasses the state's unique all-payer hospital payment system, which reduces per capita hospital expenditures and supports improved health outcomes, as encouraged by the Affordable Care Act. This new federal framework, known as the AHEAD model, has been designed to deliver high-quality health care through greater coordination, with a focus on health equity and social needs to support underserved patients.

"The AHEAD model is the next chapter in health care, so we are proud to be writing that new chapter right



Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, right, and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, left show an agreement, participating in a program designed to improve health care and lower costs across all health care payers, including Medicare, Medicaid and private insurers, that Moore signed on Friday, Nov. 1, 2024 in Annapolis, Md.

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here in the state of Maryland," said Gov. Wes Moore, a Democrat who signed the agreement with U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure.

Since the 1970s, Maryland has had a hospital all-payer

system that enables the state to set its own rates for hospital services, and all payers must charge the same rate for services at a given hospital.

It's designed to provide equitable access to care, eliminate the need for charity

hospitals and ensure patients are treated the same regardless of insurance status. State law authorizes the system, which bases costs on rates set by hospitals. It has continued to be the foundation of each subsequent evolution of the Maryland health

care model. "Maryland has this unique system that we've developed over a period of decades now," Sen. Chris Van Hollen, a Democrat, told reporters after a news conference in Annapolis. "We're taking it to the next level by signing this AHEAD agreement, and the bottom line is it helps us accomplish three top priorities: equity, quality, affordability. That's the goal."

The Maryland Department of Health will now begin planning to implement the AHEAD model starting Jan. 1, 2025.

That will include establishing targets for cost growth, quality and equity improvements, population health, and primary care investments as well as identifying regional partnerships to drive AHEAD goals.

Sen. Ben Cardin said the agreement keeps in place state policy that health care providers receive the same pay for services, so hospitals have incentives to provide equal care, whether you have private insurance, government insurance, or no insurance. □

FBI links video falsely depicting voter fraud in Georgia to 'Russian influence actors'

By ERIC TUCKER and ALI SWENSON

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A video purporting to depict voter fraud in Georgia is fake and the work of "Russian influence actors," U.S. intelligence officials said Friday as they warned that foreign efforts to undermine faith in the integrity of next week's elections may persist long after votes

have been cast. The announcement that the video was fake represented an effort by the FBI and other federal agencies, four days before Tuesday's elections, to combat foreign disinformation by calling it out rather than letting it spread for days unchecked. It follows a similar statement last week that also attributed to Russian actors a widely circulated video falsely depicting mail-in ballots for Donald Trump being destroyed in Pennsylvania.

The 20-second video, which began circulating on the social media platform X on Thursday afternoon, shows someone who describes himself as a Haitian immigrant talking about how he's intending to vote multiple times in two Georgia counties for Vice President Kamala Harris.

He flashes several purported Georgia IDs with different names and addresses. An Associated Press analysis of the information on two of the IDs confirms it does not match any registered voters in Gwinnett or Fulton counties, the two counties he mentioned. Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger said Thursday night that the video is "obviously fake" and likely the product of Russian trolls "attempting to sow discord and chaos on the eve of the election."

Intelligence officials echoed that finding Friday, saying the video was manufactured by "Russian influence actors" and was part of "Moscow's broader effort to raise unfounded

questions about the integrity of the U.S. election and stoke divisions among Americans."

The intelligence community expects Russia, in the days before the election and weeks and months after, "to create and release additional media content that seeks to undermine trust in the integrity of the election and divide Americans," said the joint statement from the FBI, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The post that originally popularized the video was no longer available on Friday morning, but copycat versions of the video were still being shared widely with false claims it showed election fraud. □



Brad Raffensperger, Georgia Secretary of State, listens as the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol continues to reveal its findings of a year-long investigation, at the Capitol in Washington, June 21, 2022.

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Israel pummels Gaza and Lebanon, killing dozens in latest waves of deadly airstrikes

By WAFAA SHURAFU and JULIA FRANKEL

Associated Press

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip (AP) —

The Israeli military launched waves of deadly airstrikes across Lebanon and Gaza, killing at least 24 people in Lebanon's northeast on Friday, the country's state-run National News Agency reported.

Palestinians, meanwhile, recovered the bodies of 25 people killed in a barrage of Israeli attacks on central Gaza that began Thursday, hospital officials said.

It was another day of bloodshed both in Lebanon, where Israel stepped up airstrikes against Hezbollah in the northeast this week, and in Gaza, where Israel said it had targeted Hamas infrastructure near the Nuseirat refugee camp. Despite growing pressure from the United States and others in the international community for a cease-fire in the fighting in Gaza and Lebanon, Israeli strikes against the militant Hezbollah group are increasingly expanding beyond Lebanon's periphery.

Israeli attacks that initially targeted smaller border villages in southern Lebanon, where the Iran-backed He-



Smoke rises from the site of an Israeli airstrike in Dahiyeh, Beirut, Lebanon, Friday, Nov. 1, 2024.

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zbollah holds sway, have broadened to bigger urban hubs in recent weeks where the group, which is also a major political party and provider of social services, counts many supporters. The intensified strikes on and around the northeastern city of Baalbek this week have prompted roughly 60,000 people to flee their homes, according to Hussein Haj Hassan, a Lebanese lawmaker representing the region.

Lebanon's state National News Agency reported four airstrikes in different villages across the northeast that had largely been spared the worst of Israeli bombardment until last month. The agency reported that rescuers were still searching for survivors in Younine, a town in the Bekaa Valley, from the rubble of a targeted building that was believed to have housed 20 people.

Further attacks in the north-

eastern Baalbek-Hermel region killed eight people in the village of Amhaz and another two in the village of Taraya. Israel's military has said that its operation in Lebanon is targeting Hezbollah's military infrastructure as the group continues firing rockets, drones and missiles into Israel. Rockets fired from Lebanon killed seven people in northern Israel on Thursday, including four Thai workers.

Israeli planes also pounded

Beirut's southern suburb of Dahiyeh overnight and early Friday, destroying dozens of buildings in several neighborhoods, according to the country's news agency. The Israeli military said those attacks hit Hezbollah weapons manufacturing sites and command centers.

There was no word from the Lebanese officials on any casualty figures from the Dahiyeh strikes.

Lebanon's Health Ministry said more than 2,800 people have been killed and 13,000 wounded since Oct. 8, 2023, when Hezbollah began firing rockets almost daily into Israel, drawing retaliation. The latest violence comes against the backdrop of the Biden administration's renewed diplomatic push days before the U.S. election to reach temporary cease-fire deals between Israel, Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza.

In Gaza, officials from the al-Aqsa Hospital in central Gaza said they continued to receive bodies from a barrage of Israeli airstrikes on Nuseirat camp that left 21 dead, including an 18-month-old and his 10-year-old sister. □

Head of U.N.-backed team of experts cites paramilitary force in Sudan for sexual violence as war rages

By JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — The head of a U.N.-backed fact-finding team looking into human rights violations and abuses in Sudan said Friday it found the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces responsible for large-scale sexual violence in areas that it controls.

Mohamed Chande Othman has denounced "staggering violence" in Sudan since war broke out more than 18 months ago between the Sudanese military and the RSF, starting with open fighting in the capital, Khartoum, that later spread across the country.

"We said in our report that

we attribute sexual gender-based violence to RSF in West Darfur, in Darfur, in greater Khartoum, and in al-Gezira (state)," the Tanzanian lawyer said Friday by phone from Zimbabwe, where he was attending a conference.

However, Othman said a renewed mandate from the U.N. Human Rights Council would allow his team of independent experts to investigate "credible" allegations of sexual exploitation by the Sudanese armed forces as well. The fact-finding mission on Tuesday released a more comprehensive version of its report presented in September to the rights council, which has 47 member

countries. The broader report cited gang rapes, sexual slavery and the abduction of victims in areas the RSF controls.

"It's important to highlight the horrendous nature and the widespread nature the patterns of violence that were committed," Othman said.

His team found the sexual violence and allegations of enforced marriages and human trafficking across borders for sexual purposes took place mostly during invasions of towns and cities. "Victims and witnesses consistently reported that perpetrators threatened them with weapons, including firearms, knives and whips to intimidate and coerce

them," the latest report said, citing violence like punching, beatings with

sticks, and lashing before and during rape. □



Mohamed Chande Othman, chair of the of the United Nations Fact-Finding Mission, presents its first investigative report to the media during a press conference at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Friday, Sept. 6, 2024.

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Seismic change in Botswana as party that ruled for 58 years loses power

By SELLO MOTSETA

Associated Press

GABORONE, Botswana (AP)

— The party of Botswana's opposition candidate Duma Boko was declared the election winner Friday over incumbent President Mokgweetsi Masisi in a seismic change that ended the ruling party's 58 years in power since independence from Britain.

Masisi conceded defeat even before final results were announced, with his Botswana Democratic Party trailing in fourth place in the parliamentary elections in what appeared to be a humbling rejection by voters and a landslide victory for the main opposition party.

Hours later, Chief Justice Terence Rannowane announced that the opposition Umbrella for Democratic Change party had won a majority of seats in the election, making its candidate, Boko, the next president of the southern African country, which is one of the world's biggest producers of mined diamonds.

Masisi said he had called Boko to inform him he was conceding defeat.

The final results of the election were yet to be formally



Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) presidential candidate Duma Boko holds his ballot paper before inserting it into the box during the elections in Gaborone, Botswana, Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024.

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declared, but Rannowane said the UDC had reached the 31-seat threshold to win a majority.

"I concede the election," Masisi said in an early-morning press conference two days after the vote. "I am proud of our democratic processes. Although I wanted a second term, I will respectfully step aside and participate in a smooth transition process."

"I look forward to attending the coming inaugura-

tion and cheering on my successor. He will enjoy my support."

Masisi's BDP dominated politics in Botswana for nearly six decades, since independence in 1966. The nation of just 2.5 million people will now be governed by another party for the first time in its democratic history.

"We lost this election massively," said Masisi, a 63-year-old former high school teacher and UNI-

CEF employee. "I have not packed a shoe. I did not expect it," he added.

Boko is a 54-year-old lawyer and Harvard Law School graduate who also ran in 2014 and 2019. He didn't immediately comment but posted on his official page on X: "Botswana First" with a picture of a UDC campaign poster with the words "Change is Here."

Botswana has been held up as one of Africa's most stable democracies and

is regarded as a post-colonial success story having built one of the highest standards of living in the region through an economy that largely relies on diamonds. Botswana is the world's second biggest natural diamond producer behind Russia and has been responsible for all the biggest diamonds found in the last decade.

But Botswana faces new challenges and the mood for change became evident as a downturn in the global demand for diamonds badly impacted the economy, becoming the central issue for the campaign.

Unemployment rose to more than 27% this year, and significantly higher for young people, as the government saw a sharp decrease in revenue from diamonds. Masisi and his party had faced criticism for not having done enough to diversify the economy and the nation has been forced to adopt recent austerity measures.

Even the BDP conceded throughout its campaign that policy change was needed and tried to convince voters it was capable of leading the country out of its economic troubles. □

Dutch junior finance minister quits after questions over his personal investments

By MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

(AP) — The Dutch junior minister for finance quit Friday following criticism of

his refusal to publish details of his personal investments. He is the first member of the new hard right-dominated ruling coalition to resign since it was installed in July. Folkert Idsinga is a member of the New Social Contract party that campaigned last year on pledges to restore trust in elected officials following a string of government scandals.

But he came under fire this week after refusing to disclose details of his shareholdings and other investments.

His government portfolio includes the tax office and taxation policy.

Announcing his resigna-

tion Friday, he insisted he had done nothing wrong, saying he had followed established procedures by declaring his investments to the official who vetted new Cabinet members and putting them into a holding foundation so that he could not interact with them while in office.

That did not stop opposition lawmakers and the ruling Party for Freedom of election winner Geert Wilders calling on Idsinga to reveal exact details of the companies in which he has investments.

In a sign of strained relations in the four-party government sworn in on July 2,

Ildsinga took aim at Wilders' party as he explained his decision to quit.

"One of the parties that supported this request is our largest coalition party. For me, this is unacceptable. For me, this directly affects the trust that the House of Representatives has in me as a minister and I cannot and do not want to function effectively in this way. So I draw a line in the sand," he said.

Ildsinga told reporters in The Hague that he would make public details of his investments at a later date and took a parting swipe at on-line criticism of government ministers. □



The Dutch parliament buildings in The Hague, Netherlands, Feb. 9, 2021.

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Create museum memories



ORANJESTAD — Museums are an integral part of conserving and honoring cultures, and Aruba is no exception. Our Island has a wide selection of various museums for our locals and visitors to see. Take this opportunity to learn about our island and experience a different day beyond the beach. Let us introduce to you these museums.

Museum of Industry Aruba

The Museum of Industry is located in San Nicolas—better known as the art capital of Aruba. This museum exhibits the industrial history of gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and tourism through elaborated displays and multimedia installations. The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history, which began in the 19th century. The Water Tower was built in 1939 and consists of three sections: the substructure, the high-rising vertical shaft, and the tank at the top. The Water Tower was purchased by the Monuments Fund in 2003 so

it can be restored and preserved as one of Aruba's monuments. The Museum of Industry is part of Aruba Museum Foundation (Fundacion Museo Aruban), which is a foundation set to maintain, preserve, and protect the Aruban cultural sector, history, and nature. The museum of Industry is open daily from 9 am till 6 pm.

For more information, check out their Facebook page Museum of Industry Aruba.

Archaeological Museum of Aruba

The Archaeological Museum of Aruba is located at Schelpstraat 42 in downtown Oranjestad. The renovated historic Ecury complex in the area has been transformed from a family home to a modern museum that preserves Aruba's Amerindian cultural heritage. This 21st century museum is especially designed to preserve valuable artifacts dating back to the Pre-Ceramic period of 2500 BC.

In the late 1980's, AMA identified its need for an adequate housing for its collection and activities. After studying various options, a project proposal was drawn up, including the acquisition and restoration of historical buildings in downtown Oranjestad.

These historical buildings were formerly the property of the Ecury



family. The "Ecury Complex", is a cluster of single and two-story historic buildings, mainly Dutch colonial architecture from the late 19th and 20th century on a plot of approximately 1.700 m2.

In 1997, the Aruban Government bought the complex for the National Archaeological Museum project. In 2004, a financial agreement was signed with the European Development Fund and in 2006, restoration and construction work began on the monumental buildings and the soon-to-be exhibition space. In December 2007, the key to the complex was delivered and the museum's employees moved to the new location. The final design for the exhibit was completed in November 2007 and the permanent exhibit, financed by the Aruban Government and the Union of Cultural Organizations (UNOCA),

opened in July 2009.

At the new location, the National Archaeological Museum Aruba disposes of approximately 500 m2 for its permanent exhibit. This exhibit conveys information on the origin and culture of the first inhabitants of the island through archaeological objects and modern exhibition techniques. The new permanent exhibit gives the visitor an insight into the cultures that inhabited the island in Pre-Historical and Early Historical times. The museum also hosts attractive public programs, including lectures, educational projects, temporary exhibits and workshops.

The museum is open daily from 9:30 am till 4:30 pm. For more information check out the Facebook page Museo Arqueologico Nacional Aruba. □

Aruba's most family-friendly beaches

(Oranjestad)—One of the biggest concerns that parents have when travelling with their children is a guarantee of their safety and healthy enjoyment. Therefore, we thought it would be a great help to travelling parents to list off some the most family-friendly beaches around the island.

Baby Beach in San Nicolas

Baby Beach is one Aruba's most popular and visited beaches, and for good reason: This sandy and quiet lagoon is a great place for parents to sit back and relax while their children play in the shallow shores of the beach. Beside the relaxing atmosphere, there are also several services that may accommodate your stay, like a parking lot, sun tent rentals, chairs, bathrooms and a snack bar right at the far left of the beach.

Mangel Halto in Pos Chiquito

Mangel Halto is situated in the back streets of the Pos Chiquito city. Though there are several stairs on the sides of the beach cliff leading you down, the best spot for families to hang out is across the bridge, passed the mangrove trees near the entrance sign. Here, there are small and big palapas, per-

fect for big and small families to set up their belongings. In this area, the shore is also shallow, falling right around your knee before slowly getting deeper: perfect for kids to safely play.

Eagle Beach/Palm Beach in the hotel area

Yet another highly popular beach site, Eagle Beach and Palm Beach is where

most of our visitors go to tan, swim or play in the white sand. Because they are near the low-rise and high-rise hotel areas, these beaches are the most accessible for visitors on foot. These beaches also offer many palapas free to use, but you can also rent chairs and tents. Much like Baby Beach, these sites are one of the best beaches for your children to play and

build sand castles.

Boca Catalina in Malmok

Boca Catalina is a small bay beach near the Malmok beach area further down the hotel areas. Though it may not be a very sandy beach, it is relatively quiet and tranquil. This is a great place for family to lay down a big blanket and have a little picnic. This is also one of the best places to snorkel, as this area is filled with little fish and corals, even close to the shore.

Palm Island

Ok, this one is technically not a beach, but a must-visit attraction for family fun. This small water park oasis is located further down the Mangel Halto Beach and is reachable by boat. This water park offers 6 hours of fun activities, food, drinks, and a chance to see pink flamingoes up close! □



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The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure of recognizing Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The honorees were respectively honored with a certificate for their years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

The honorary certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests who have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

The three levels of honor are as follows:

Distinguished Visitor (10>years consecutively visiting Aruba)
Goodwill Ambassador (20>years consecutively visiting Aruba)
Emerald Ambassador (35>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

The honorees were:
Distinguished Visitors
Mr. Eric Nguyen & Mr. Steven Pellerin from Langford British Columbia, Canada.

Mr. Jorgino Willems representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Renaissance Wind Creek Aruba Resort bestowed the certificate upon the honorees, presented them with gifts, and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination, as their home away from home.

The top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by the honorees were:

- Aruba is a safe destination.
- Aruba has a great culinary scene.
- Aruba's drinking water is clean.
- Aruba's people.



On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our

sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island".



(Oranjestad)—During the span of over 100 years, Aruba only saw five open air movie theatres. Now practically obsolete on the island, these theaters were once frequently visited by locals and migrants in the 20th century.

The first open air theater was constructed in 1920 and was commissioned by Shon Eduard (Eddy) de Veer. This theater was located at the Hotel Colombia in Oranjestad, which is now where the Aruban census office is located. The theater was simple; it only consisted of a screen, and visitors

Forgotten gems Open air movie theaters

had to bring their own chairs to enjoy the popular silent movies of the time.

American migrants who worked in the refinery and lived in the Lago Colony in Sero Colorado also had their piece of the pie with their Open air Theatre, which formed part of the Esso Club, also known as the Pan-Am Club. It was at this theater that "Talkies" were first streamed, movies with sound. This theater mostly streamed American blockbusters for the American expats, this way making sure that these migrant were not missing out on entertainment from their home land.

In the 1950's and 60's, Savaneta saw their own open air theater, located in front of the Marinier's Kazerne (Marine Barracks). This theater was mostly visited by the neighboring marines, who didn't have much entertainment other than movies at that time.

The last and most recent open air theater was constructed in the form of a drive-in theater. A popular American concept, the Drive Inn located in Balashi was a hot spot for teenagers, who had the habit of cramming all their friends in one car to go see the movies. For this phenomenon there was a separate price that you had to pay called the "car crash".

This theater closed around 2012, but was re-opened during the pandemic in July 2020, where movies were streamed on a gigantic screen set up in front of stacked containers. However, this nostalgic form of entertainment did not last very long as it was closed again only a year or two later. Nowadays you can still see the stacked containers when you drive near the bridge in Balashi.

Source: "De kolibrie op de rots en meer over de geschiedenis van Aruba" by Evert Bongers.

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Aruba Tourism Authority honored a loyal visitor at Barceló Aruba All Inclusive!

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The three levels of honor are as follows:

Distinguished Visitor (10>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

Goodwill Ambassador (20>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

Emerald Ambassador (35>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

The honoree was:
Distinguished Visitor
Ms. Denise Anthony from Falling Water West Virginia, United States.

Mr. Jorgino Willems representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Barceló Aruba All Inclusive bestowed the certificate upon the honoree, presented her with gifts, and thanked her for choosing Aruba as her favorite vacation destination, as her home away from home.

The top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by the honorees were:

- Aruba's is a very friendly is-



land.

- Aruba's beaches.
- Aruba is safe.
- Aruba has great shopping options.
- Aruba is very relaxing.

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honoree for her continued visits to the "One Happy Island". □

Birds of Aruba

ORANJESTAD — On May 11th, 2010, the Aruba Birdlife Conservation was founded with the aim of protecting the biodiversity in general and birds in and around Aruba in particular.

Among other things, the foundation will focus on increasing the survival chances of species of wild birds by promoting their preservation and conservation. The foundation publishes the most beautiful pictures of local birds on their social media that show us the beauty of Aruba's birds and nature in general. Aruba Today gives you a little peek with the following pictures and descriptions from the foundations

Facebook page.

The Great Egret

Serenity in Aruba's National Park, a Great Egret flying in peace. When it is peaceful and quite, beautiful things start happening in nature.

Canadian in the house

The breeding season is over and it's getting pretty cold in North America. Shore birds have started moving southwards as early as July. This wetland beauty wants to keep its toes warm. Our Canadian friends know exactly where they can do so best. A Greater Yellowlegs rediscovering Aruba's Bubali Wetlands.

Cabochon

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English: Blue-tailed Emerald (male) Dutch: Blauwstaartsmaragdkolibrie (mannetje).
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Adriaan Laclé

One of Aruba's richest men in the twentieth century



(Oranjestad)—The name Adriaan Laclé may ring a bell to locals as one of the bigger roads on the island, but about a century ago, Adriaan Laclé was a rich businessman, well-known for his generosity, wealth, and taste.

Adriaan was born in 1866 and was the eldest of six children. Not much is known about his childhood upbringing or

any of his earlier business or deals, but during his heyday he often helped people get loans, was a well-established trader, and owned several plots of land. In fact, he commissioned the construction of the famous La Quinta Carmen manor—now a restaurant. Though he himself never lived in the beautiful manor, his own house also reflected his success and good taste. Today his house still stands in

good condition and can be found in the back streets of main street Oranjestad. Regarding his personal life, it has been said that he was married twice during his lifetime. He had his first daughter during his first marriage but lost his wife soon after her birth. During his second marriage, he fathered 16 children. However, it has been said that only 11 of those 17 made it past 18 years of age. Perhaps two of his most well-known daughters are Maria Monica Laclé and Maria Veneranda Laclé, who went on to marry successful brothers Eloy Arends and Maximilian Arends, respectively. Their houses are still standing; Eloy and Maria Monica's mansion functions as a townhall, used to host civil marriages, while Maximilian and Maria Veneranda's house stands on the opposite side of the road to them—



though currently under renovation after years left in ruin. □

Source: De Kolibrie op de Rots (en meer over de geschiedenis van Aruba) by Evert Bongers.

Episode CXLVII -147 Aspects of ritual art

Etnia Nativa is the island's culturally conscious partner in educating, safeguarding and promoting the islands' cultural resources, inspiring visitors to actively participate as eco-guardians of fragile and material heritage.

People lived on this tiny Caribbean island for thousands of years, adapting to the environment and mastering important steps towards a sustainable civilization. During this social evolution these primitive inhabitants became sedentary and this eliminated much of the responsibility and burden of caring for the elderly during long migratory journeys. This advent gave way to a more dignified existence for the entire community. Spiritual gratitude towards the elements is seen in the care our ancestors gave in preparing to perform various aspects of their ritual art.

Ancestors who performed



their sacred ceremonies devoted to respect, like rituals dedicated to their deads.

From our archaeological findings it was possible to determine their social and political organizations and by studying the remains of their tombs it was possible to establish a differentiation in their status and hierarchy for each individual.

The inhabitants of the large towns practiced four or five different forms of burial rituals. These various forms represented social differences in the community. The background to the recorded differences remains a mystery to this day, but the differences are undoubtedly

evidence of the status of individuals, families, or groups within the community.

The dead were buried in the ground within the town limits, while some with special gifts offerings in their grave. However, others were found without any visible offerings. The gift offerings we found in large vessels or urns: direct burial in large storage containers.

Secondary urn burials were also found which are results of a complicated ritual processes; in fact, the dead are buried twice. The corpse is first buried in the ground, after a one or a few years, the bones are excavated. These bones or skeletal remains

later meticulously cleaned for their permanent resting place in a fairly small container. If, after such a procedure, the bones are buried in a large vessel, researchers may misinterpret it as a direct urn burial.

We have a pretty good idea of the whole process of secondary urn burial from existing descriptions of such "double" burials. They are practiced to this day by the Wayu indigenous people, who live on the Guajira peninsula on the border between Venezuela and Colombia. There is evidence that the Dabajuroid ceramic people aka Caquetios, also had a fifth type of burial in caves outside their villages.

More comparisons can be made between the Guajiros and the pre-Columbian population of Aruba, such as their environment, diet and religion, which had a lot to do with the way in which the natives, particularly from this area, related to the world of the dead and beyond; how to prepare each and every one of your deceased rela-



tives for their spiritual journey through the underworld and into the land of their dead ancestors and friends.

If you are intrigued regarding Aruba, its origins and its cultural heritage, become part of an exclusive visitor's experience, by appointment only, of the cozy home-atelier called "Etnia Nativa". A private residential collection of native Aruban objects, art, archaeological artifacts, historical furniture and more. While the facilities itself is the result of the transforming recyclable materials into an artistic dwelling.

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Don't forget to visit Aruba's famous Red Anchor

At the south east coast of the island, standing alone on a windswept and barren land stands a popular Aruba landmark – a large anchor. It overlooks the sea just beyond, watching over the shipping lanes. It stands there in memory and in honor of all seamen who have lost their life at sea.

Where to Find the Anchor?

The anchor is a “must see” landmark when you visit Aruba. It is among the most photographed historical landmarks for the island. You want to make sure you add this stop on your itinerary when your visiting the south coast of Aruba. The bright red anchor against the backdrop of the deep blue Caribbean sea and the azure blue skies, make a great backdrop for your vacation pictures.

The anchor is located at the entrance to Gate 6 to the former Lago Colony. It is on the outskirts of Seroe Colorado, on the south east point of the island at the “T” junction to Baby Beach.

Depending on where you are staying on the island, follow the signs that indicate the way to Baby Beach. Once you reach the T-junction, it will be right in front of you.

About the Anchor

Size

It will be hard to miss the anchor, it's huge! The anchor that weighs 21,772 kilos, is approximately 10 feet 6 inches wide and 15 feet, 6 inches tall.

On the anchor there are some numbers. The 4112 and 4115, which are believed to be the serial numbers that refer to the “fluke” or horizontal and vertical parts of the anchor, respectively. The number 21772K refers to the weight of the anchor in kilos.

This type of anchor was manufactured by Hoesch Dortmund Horde, at a foundry located in Germany.

Where did the Anchor Come From?

There are a number of stories as to the origins of the anchor, which one do you think it was? (Unfortunately the mystery has never been solved, so your imagination can pick which one you think it might be!)

Story 1:

“According to Mr. Manuel M. Curiel, an ex-Lago Tug Captain, a fully laden VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) was seeking a mooring at the 15-mile anchorage, known as Bara, on the southern part of



The Red Anchor situated at the entrance of former Lago Colony in San Nicolas

the island. This is the usual shallow mooring location for ships awaiting orders, etc. The weather was rough with strong current. The normal procedure is that they would walk out three shackles (about 90 feet) until the anchor touches the bottom while the chain must rest on the bottom. Subsequently, they will walk out some extra shackles and when the ship starts to swing or lean on one side, the anchor is properly set. Because of the rough weather, unfortunately they did not get the time to walk out the extra tackles and because of the tension exerted on the winch, it broke, and they lost the anchor and its chain.”

Story 2:

“Mr. Curiel also said that at one time a small tanker with a Korean crew, while lifting their anchor also lifted another anchor near the inner harbor. When the ship asked for assistance, he went with his tugboat along with a barge, to help. But eventually they had to cut the chain and let the anchor go to the bottom because they could not untangle them.”

How Did The Anchor Become a Landmark?

Sometime between 1980 and 1985, three gentlemen (Mr. Wim Martinus – the Harbormaster of Aruba;

Mr. August Genser – the ex-Division Superintendent of Lago's Laboratory; and Mr. Willie Davis – Owner of Filtec at Zeewijk in San Nicolas), were having a conversation with Mr. Charlie Brouns Jr. at his famous Charlie's Bar and Restaurant in San Nicolas. Charlie, who was a visionary and had dreams for developing the San Nicolas area, told these gentlemen that he would like to come up with something innovative for the San Nicolas area to draw tourism to the area.

The “anchor”, which at that time was being stored at the Oranjestad harbor, was suggested as an option. Charlie liked the idea! He then contacted the President of Lago for permission to acquire the anchor. He was granted permission and the anchor was then relocated to its present location and dedicated “To All Seamen” on the occasion of the closing of the Lago Oil Refinery on March 31, 1985.

Through the Years

Through the years the Anchor was slowly weathering from the wind and salt. As time passed, sadly the origin and purpose of the anchor slowly faded away from people's memories.

After Charles Brouns Jr died on September 15, 2004, his friend Mr. Sam

Speziale, requested assistance from the management of Valero Aruba Refinery to help maintain the monument. The Valero Aruba Refinery, graciously sandblasted and painted the anchor and poured a concrete pad around it. On April 17, 2005, the anchor monument was rededicated “To All Seamen” in a formal ceremony in memory of Charles Brouns Jr.

Today, the anchor stands both as memorial to all seaman who have lost their lives at sea, but also as a silent reminder that Seroe Colorado is part of San Nicolas and that San Nicolas is still a vibrant and important part of the island of Aruba.

The Best Time to Visit

When your planning your visit to the south end of the island, you will want to include in your itinerary the many things to see and do there. The anchor will be just one of these stops, (keep an eye out for our future editions, we publish our recommendations!).

With that being said, I have to say, if you enjoy catching a sunrise, the anchor is one of the best places on the island to catch the sunrise. But in reality, anytime is a good time to visit, depending on your personal schedule. □

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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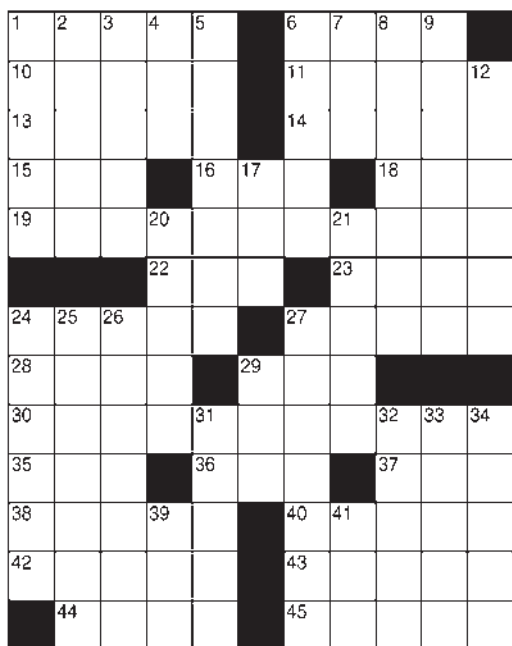
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Saturday's answer



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AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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CRYPTOQUOTE

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: MAY WE NOT JUST GRIEVE, BUT GIVE. MAY WE NOT JUST ACHE, BUT ACT. — AMANDA GORMAN, "HYMN FOR THE HURTING"

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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

Supermarket hours

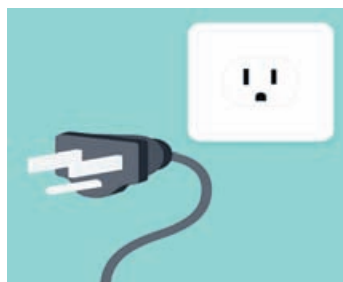


Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basicbut important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

lets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

Electrical power



Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of out-

Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

Safety



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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Daylight saving time ends this weekend. This is how to prepare for the potential health effects



In this Oct. 30, 2008, file photo, an Electric Time Company employee adjusts the color on a clock at the plant in Medfield, Mass., days before the switch to standard time.

Associated Press

By The Associated Press

The good news: You will get a glorious extra hour of sleep. The bad: It'll be dark as a pocket by late afternoon for the next few months in the U.S.

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. local time Sunday, Nov. 3, which means you should set your clock back an hour before you go to bed. Standard time will last until March 9 when we will again "spring forward" with the return of daylight saving time.

That spring time change can be tougher on your body. Darker mornings and lighter evenings can knock your internal body clock out of whack, making it harder to fall asleep on time for weeks or longer.

Studies have even found an uptick in heart attacks and strokes right after the March time change.

"Fall back" should be easier. But it still may take a while to adjust your sleep habits, not to mention the downsides of leaving work in the dark or trying exercise while there's still enough light. Some people with seasonal affective disorder, a type of depression usually linked to the shorter days and less sunlight of fall and winter, may struggle, too.

Some health groups, including the American Medical Association and American Academy of Sleep Medicine, have said it's time to do away with time switches and that

sticking with standard time aligns better with the sun and human biology.

Most countries do not observe daylight saving time. For those that do mostly in Europe and North America the date that clocks are changed varies.

Two states Arizona and Hawaii don't change and stay on standard time.

Here's what to know about the twice yearly ritual.

How the body reacts to light

The brain has a master clock that is set by expo-

sure to sunlight and darkness. This circadian rhythm is a roughly 24-hour cycle that determines when we become sleepy and when we're more alert. The patterns change with age, one reason that early-to-rise youngsters evolve into hard-to-wake teens. Morning light resets the rhythm. □

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Willie Nelson on his new album, cannabis cookbook, Kris Kristofferson and what makes a good song

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NEW YORK (AP) — Young musicians looking for longevity would be wise to follow the sensible word of Willie Nelson: Do what feels right, and if you're lucky enough to have a statue built in your honor in your city, remember that it is just something you've "got to go down and clean off the pigeon (expletive) every now and then."

On Friday, Nelson, who is 91, will release "Last Leaf on the Tree," his second studio album this year also his 76th solo studio album and 153rd album overall, according to Texas Monthly's herculean ranking his prolific discography. So how many more does he have in him? Nelson laughs into the phone, "I don't know. I hope there's a few more." Maybe he'll hit 200? "Why not!"

"Last Leaf on the Tree" is an album of firsts and familiarities; it is Nelson's first album produced entirely by his son Micah, which includes a few originals and covers from Nelson staples like Neil Young, Nina Simone and Tom Waits as well as some less-than-obvious inclu-



Musician Willie Nelson performing ahead of event for Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris at a rally in Houston, Friday, Oct. 25, 2024.

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sions, like reimaginings of the Flaming Lips' "Do You Realize??" and Beck's "Lost Cause."

"He's a real artist," Nelson says of his son. "He picked all the songs."

Asked how he broke the news to his producer Buddy Cannon that Micah was taking over, Nelson jokes, "We just surprised him."

Micah Nelson's artistic, alternative-rock sensibilities are present on the record,

not only in its cover song selection by also in his delivery. For a cover of Young's "Are You Ready for the Country," for example, he used sticks and leaves for the percussion instead of traditional instrumentation. "I didn't notice anything different," Nelson laughs. His wife, Annie Nelson, who joins Willie for the interview, adds, "He says it all the time. It's great to play with your kid. And it's even bet-

ter if they're good."

After seven decades of songwriting, Nelson says the only way to identify a good one is simply, "You know it when you hear it. When you hear something and you go, 'Damn, I wish I would've wrote that,' it's a good song."

"There's no better songwriter alive than Kris Kristofferson," Nelson once said of his Highwaymen bandmate at a 2009 award

show tribute. Kristofferson, 88, died last month at his home on Maui, Hawaii.

"He was a great songwriter. He left a lot of fantastic songs around for the rest of us to sing, for as long as we're here," he reflects. "Kris was a great friend of mine. And, you know, we just kind of had a lot of fun together and made a lot of music together videos, movies. I hated to lose him. That was a sad time."

In a few ways, Nelson is the last of the Outlaw Country era though he's always experimented across genre and style. The title "Last Leaf on the Tree," taken from a cover of Waits' "Last Leaf," resonates, in a way, when he considers his contemporaries. "If you just take the music part of it and go back to, you know, Waylon (Jennings) and Kris and John(ny Cash) and, you know, all of us working together, the Highwaymen. And then I am the only one left. And that's just not funny."

The album, too, considers love and death topics he knows a thing or two about. "Well, I'm 91 plus, so, you know, I'm not worried about it. □

Jodi Picoult's 'Nineteen Minutes' tops PEN America of books banned in schools

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NEW YORK (AP) — Jodi Picoult remembers when everyone seemed to praise

her novel "Nineteen Minutes," a 2007 bestseller about a school shooting that now tops a list compiled by PEN America of



Author Jodi Picoult attends the world premiere of 'My Sister's Keeper' on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 in New York.

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the books most banned in schools.

"Not only was it recommended for young adults to read, but it was on the curriculum in schools where it's now banned," the author said during a recent telephone interview.

On Friday, PEN issued a report that expands upon numbers released in September for Banned Books Week, when libraries and stores around the country highlighted censored works. PEN compiled more than 10,000 cases of books temporarily or permanently removed during the 2023-2024 academic year, roughly four times higher than for 2021-2022.

The bans affected around 4,200 individual titles, compared with around 1,600 two years ago.

More than 80% of the bans came in Iowa and Florida, states that have passed laws restricting school books. Around 4,500 were removed in Florida, and more than 3,600 in Iowa, according to PEN.

"What students can read in schools provides the foundation for their lives, whether critical thinking, empathy across difference, personal well-being, or long-term success," PEN's director of its Freedom to Read program, Kasey Meehan, said in a statement. "The defense of the core principles

of public education and the freedom to read, learn, and think is as necessary now as ever."

Besides "Nineteen Minutes," books most frequently removed include John Green's "Looking for Alaska," Alice Walker's "The Color Purple," Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale," Toni Morrison's "The Bluest Eye" and several novels by romance favorite Sarah J. Maas. Many of the works had themes of sex, race or gender identity.

Picoult noted that objections to her book centered on a single page referring to a date rape. □

Anthony Richardson needs more time to develop raw talent: Analysis

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Anthony Richardson got fewer starts than Bryce Young before he was sent to the bench.

The Indianapolis Colts benched their second-year quarterback this week after his 10th career start, including six this season.

The Colts (4-4) are turning to 39-year-old Joe Flacco because coach Shane Steichen believes the veteran gives the team "the best chance to win right now."

He's not wrong.

Flacco, a Super Bowl MVP with the Ravens more than a decade ago, is 2-1 in three appearances with the Colts. He was 4-1 with Cleveland last year, helping the Browns reach the playoffs.

The 22-year-old Richardson threw just 393 passes in college at Florida before the Colts selected him with the fourth pick overall in last year's NFL draft. Richardson has raw talent but still needs time to develop. He's completed only 50.2% of his passes with more interceptions (eight) than touchdowns (seven). He became the fourth quarterback benched this season, joining Young, Gardner Minshew and Justin Fields.

Young was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2023 NFL draft. C.J. Stroud, who was selected second by Houston, is the only member of last year's quarterback class who is thriving. Will Levis, the 33rd pick, is 4-10 in his 14 starts for Tennessee and has missed the past two games with a



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Anthony Richardson walks off the field after an NFL football game against the Houston Texans, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024, in Houston. The Texans won 23-20.

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shoulder injury.

Here are the teams who've made quarterback changes and those who might:

PANTHERS: Young was benched just two starts into this season by first-year coach Dave Canales. He was 2-14 in 2023 and has struggled mightily to live up to expectations after winning the Heisman Trophy at Alabama.

Young returned to Carolina's starting lineup last week because of an injury to Andy Dalton and will remain the starter. The Panthers are 1-7 and need to find out if Young has a future.

STEELERS: Fields was playing well when Steelers coach Mike Tomlin switched to Russell Wilson. He helped

Pittsburgh go 4-2 but Tomlin wanted to see if Wilson could take the offense to another level. He has. Wilson has posted a 111.9 passer rating while leading the Steelers to two wins. If he falters at any point, Fields will be ready to go should Tomlin decide to make another switch.

RAIDERS: Minshew beat out Aidan O'Connell for the starting job in training camp but was benched after three starts. He returned when O'Connell broke his thumb. The Raiders (2-6) are 2-4 with Minshew and will likely go back to O'Connell when he's healthy.

TITANS: Levis is expected to regain the starting job once he's cleared to play. Backup Mason Rudolph is 0-2 and the

Titans (1-6) are headed nowhere so they need to figure what they have in Levis.

GIANTS: Daniel Jones hasn't thrown a touchdown pass in the last three games and has struggled after a solid four-game stretch from Week 2-5. The Giants (2-6) are competing for a top 5 pick in the draft that would help them land a potential franchise QB. Backup Drew Lock isn't the long-term answer but New York could make a switch eventually because Jones has a \$23 million injury guarantee into 2025.

BROWNS: An injury to Deshaun Watson forced the Browns to start Jameis Winston, a move that should've been made earlier in the season. Coach Kevin Stefanski

stuck with Watson most likely because the team traded a slew of picks for him and gave him an unprecedented fully guaranteed \$230 million, five-year deal in 2022. The franchise has a difficult decision to make when Watson returns from an Achilles injury next year. Watson is owed \$46 million for each of the next two seasons but he's been a bust.

SAINTS: Derek Carr missed three games and the Saints (2-6) lost all of them with rookie Spencer Rattler. Carr is expected to return this week and New Orleans is making a switch to Jake Haener as the backup. If the team keeps losing, it's possible Rattler could replace Carr to give the coaching staff an opportunity to evaluate him for the future.

PATRIOTS: Rookie Drake Maye, the No. 3 overall pick, got his chance to start in Week 6, replacing veteran Jacoby Brissett. Maye suffered a concussion last week and Brissett came in and led New England to an upset won over the Jets. Once Maye is ready, he'll play. The Patriots (2-6) need him to be their franchise quarterback.

JETS: Aaron Rodgers isn't getting benched. The four-time NFL MVP finally showed what he can do for the Jets in the second half of New York's 21-10 win over Houston. But if the Jets (3-6) can't stack wins and climb back into the playoff race, there's no reason for Rodgers to keep playing and risk injury if he's planning to play again in 2025. □

Zverev beats Tsitsipas and joined by Rune, Humbert, Khachanov in Paris Masters semis

PARIS (AP) — Alexander Zverev advanced to the semifinals of the Paris Masters by beating Stefanos Tsitsipas 7-5, 6-4 on Friday and knocking the Greek player out of contention for the ATP Finals.

The third-seeded German saved the only break point he faced.

Zverev, the French Open runner-up, next faces 2022 champion Holger Rune for a shot at the title. He's into his third Paris semifinals in the past four years, though he's

never won the hard-court tournament.

The first break point opportunity came in the 11th game as Tsitsipas struggled with his first serve. Zverev got the break for 6-5 on an unforced error.

Tsitsipas then saved two set points but squandered his only break point chance with his 17th unforced error before Zverev closed out the set.

Zverev broke again in the third game of the second set to take full control. He rattled off 12 straight points in

his final three service games. With the victory, Zverev became the first player born in the 1990s to record 100 wins over top-20 players. Daniil Medvedev is on 99.

Rune outlasted Alex de Minaur 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 in a 2 1/2-hour baseline fight. Rune improved to 3-2 against the Australian.

Grigor Dimitrov's hopes of making the ATP Finals were set back after the 2023 finalist was upset by 2018 champion Karen Khachanov 6-2, 6-3 for the first time. Khachanov lost



Germany's Alexander Zverev reacts after winning a point as he plays Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas during their quarterfinal match of the Paris Masters tennis tournament at the Accor Arena, Friday, Nov. 1, 2024 in Paris.

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their four previous matches. Dimitrov was 10th in the race

to the top-eight ATP Finals in Turin. □

Ohtani and the L.A. Dodgers celebrate World Series victory with parade and stadium celebration

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers, including Shohei Ohtani and his dog, celebrated their eighth World Series championship with a downtown parade and a raucous on-field party on Friday.

"This is so special," said Ohtani, who usually only speaks in his native Japanese but addressed a packed Dodger Stadium in English. "I'm so honored to be here. Congratulations, Los Angeles. Thank you, guys."

Fellow Japanese star Yoshinobu Yamamoto added in English, "Thank you, Dodger fans."

Rapper Ice Cube kicked off the bash by performing "It Was a Good Day," with manager Dave Roberts dancing and joining in on the lyrics from a blue circular stage in the middle of the field.

"You guys wanted a parade. We got a parade," Roberts said. "Guys, let's get ready to run this back next year, too." Players exchanged hugs and back slaps on the stage as blue-and-white confetti drifted in the air and the team's signature song, "I Love LA," blared. Their children played on the field, with Freddie Freeman's 8-year-old son, Charlie, leading some of them in jumping up on the lower retaining wall near the crowd.



Los Angeles Dodgers manager Dave Roberts tips his hat to the crowd during the baseball team's World Series championship parade Friday, Nov. 1, 2024, in Los Angeles.

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Players took turns passing around the Commissioner's Trophy. "Who else has more championships than us in the 2020s?" asked utilityman Kiké Hernández. "Absolutely nobody." Roberts introduced Freeman as someone who "played with one leg and one rib," in reference to the first baseman's injuries.

"I did everything I could to get on the field for you guys and I'm so glad I did because we got a championship now," Freeman said. "I can't wait to run this back

next year."

Earlier, seven double-decker buses filled with players, their families and the coaching staff rolled through streets packed on both sides with blue-clad fans. The Los Angeles Police Department estimated the crowd to be 150,000.

"This is incredible," said Freeman, the World Series MVP. "LA really showed out today." Several players smoked cigars and drank beer aboard the buses on the sun-splashed day.

"It's the best thing I've ever been part of," pitcher Clayton Kershaw said. "I've never seen this many people in my life. They're all Dodger fans." A shirtless Hernández hung over the front of his bus with a beer in his hand. Ohtani held his dog, Decoy, in his arms with his wife, Mamiko, nearby.

"I'm totally overwhelmed with the amount of fans who are here," Ohtani said through an interpreter as the bus rolled along. "It's been an incredible year. I'm so happy that

I was able to contribute. The fans and everybody has been so welcoming."

Asked if he would take his shirt off like Hernández, a smiling Ohtani shook his head and replied in English, "No, never."

Walker Buehler, who pitched the ninth inning in the Series finale, did a beer bong while wearing Orel Hersher's jersey from the team's 1988 World Series championship. "This is crazy, man. I love this," outfielder Teoscar Hernández said.

Fans cheered and waved at their heroes. The parade occurred on what would have been the 64th birthday of Fernando Valenzuela, the 1981 NL Cy Young Award and Rookie of the Year winner who died days before the World Series began.

The Dodgers defeated the New York Yankees in five games, clinching the title with a 7-6 victory in the Bronx on Wednesday.

A portion of the proceeds from the ticketed stadium event will be donated to the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation.

There were more than a dozen arrests during informal celebrations after the team's comeback win to clinch the Series. Burglaries, vandalism and fires occurred in some parts of the city. □



Philadelphia 76ers' Joel Embiid, top left, and Paul George, bottom right, watch from the bench during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Milwaukee Bucks, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, in Philadelphia.

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CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — Joel Embiid and Paul George will each miss a fifth straight game with left knee injuries when the Philadelphia 76ers host Memphis on Sat-

urday night.

The oft-injured Embiid has yet to play this season, though he was a full participant at Friday's practice, including in 5-on-5

Embiid out on Saturday but 76ers' All-Star center moves closer to return from knee injury

scrimmages with the team. George, who also has yet to play this season with a bone bruise on his left knee, also participated in the full practice and scrimmaged with the Sixers.

Embiid skipped the entire preseason and has not played any basketball that matters since he helped Team USA win gold in the Paris Olympics.

Embiid has officially been out with what the 76ers call left knee management. He was limited to 39 games last season, mostly because of knee surgery after

tearing the meniscus in his left knee on Jan. 30 against Golden State.

"Everybody has been on the same page," Embiid said at the 76ers' New Jersey complex. "If your body doesn't react well, and if your body tells you one thing (sit out). I've done it. From what I can tell you, I've broken my face twice, I came back early with the risk of losing my vision. I have broken fingers. I still came back. When I see people say he doesn't want to play, I've done way too much for

this city, putting myself at risk for people to be saying that."

Embiid's absence from the season opener raised suspicion in the NBA, and the league on Tuesday fined the team \$100,000 for public statements, including by president of basketball operations Daryl Morey and by coach Nick Nurse, that were inconsistent with Embiid's health status and in violation of NBA rules, including the league's player participation policy. It found the participation policy was not violated. □